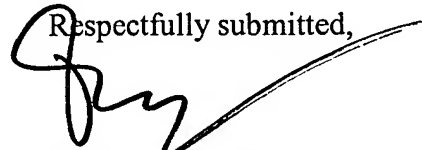


REMARKS

Claims 17-19 and 21-26 were pending in the present application. Claims 19, 25, and 26 have been canceled herein. Thus claims 17, 18, and 21-14 are now pending and indicated allowed.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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